

WRECKS KILL SEVEN

SENATE CLERK DEAD

FRIENDS IN A DUEL

Employees Lose Lives in Two Railroad Collisions.

J. Hancock Robinson Found on Couch in Office Building.

Murder Follows Card Game Quarrel in Italian Colony.

OTHERS RECEIVE INJURIES

MANY YEARS IN SERVICE

SELF-DEFENSE HIS CLAIM

Freight Trains Come Together in West Virginia.

Had Been Secretary to Four Mississippi Senators.

Ambrosia Declares Appitto Attacked Him With "Steel."

ACCIDENT NEAR FARMER, MO.

HEART DISEASE THE CAUSE

FLEES ACROSS THE RIVER

Flagman Hurt in Third Disaster.

Evidently Had Been Dead for Hours Before Body Was Found—Appeared in Good Health.

Friends of Dead Man Put Police on Trail and Arrest Follows.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., December 27.—Four trainmen were killed and two others injured in a collision of two freight trains on the Ohio River division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, at Martinsburg, W. Va., early today. The dead were: William Steffey, Parkersburg, brakeman; C. J. Moffatt, Huntington, brakeman; B. H. Bradham, Parkersburg, fireman; and R. H. Kantz, Mason City, fireman.

Red Hummer Hits Freight.—It is said that the crew of one of the trains made a mistake in reading its orders and that this was the cause of the accident.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., December 27.—Train No. 9, known as the "Red Hummer," on the Chicago and Alton, which left Chicago last night for Kansas City, ran into a freight train near Farmer, Mo., early today.

Three trainmen were killed, according to a statement of local officials of the road. They are: B. Davis, passenger engineer; M. J. Crabtree, passenger fireman; and H. M. Flora, freight brakeman. None of the passengers was injured, say the officials.

The passenger train struck the caboose of the freight, which had fallen to clear the main track in going onto a switch.

Accident Due to Fog.—PAWTUCKET, R. I., December 27.—While running today at its regular rate of speed a passenger train from Boston for Providence on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, when just out of Attleboro, crashed into the rear end of a freight train and badly injured a flagman, Gilbert D. Smith, who was sitting on the engine. The freight train was badly shaken up, but none of them was hurt.

The accident was due to the dense fog which hung over the tracks. The engine of the passenger train was driven into the whole length of the freight train, and into the next car as well. So great was the force that three other freight cars were thrown from the tracks. None of the passenger coaches left the rails.

REVOLT IN CAROLINE ISLANDS.—German Cruiser Sent to Ponape to Quell Insurrection.

TSINGTAI, China, December 27.—The German cruiser Emden sailed today for Ponape, Caroline Islands, where it is reported, an insurrection has occurred.

BERLIN, December 27.—The colonial office today received a message from the German governor of the Caroline Islands reporting his arrival at Ponape with 160 soldiers. He states that the insurgents do not exceed 250 and that the natives generally are loyal.

Served in Justice Department.—About 1886 Mr. Robinson resigned as clerk of the court and accepted a commission as private secretary to the late Senator Edward C. Wallthall of Mississippi. He had lived here continuously since that time.

Born in Louisville, Ky., in May 1847, Mr. Robinson moved with his parents to Mississippi at an early age. He was educated in the schools of his state and at the age of fourteen years enlisted in one of his state regiments for the civil war. Following the reconstruction period Mr. Robinson took a prominent part in state politics and at one time was elected county clerk of Harrison County, where he made his home for years, and where he married a Miss Wallthall, daughter of a prominent Mississippi family.

Search Turns to Brickyard.—Ambrosia works in the brickyard across the river, ventured one of the disgruntled residents of the Italian colony, "and I guess he's gone over there."

Detectives Springmann and Barbee hurried across the river in a slow-moving launch and searched the brickyard. Ambrosia had not returned to the colony. Watchmen in the yard were told of what had happened and were asked to do a little detective work for the police department. It was about 4 o'clock when Ambrosia appeared at the brickyard.

His name was under arrest by the watchmen. He offered no resistance. The patrol wagon was sent to the brickyard in response to the information that he was in custody and shortly after 5 o'clock the prisoner stood at the rail in the police station.

Claims He Feared Appitto.—Ambrosia declared he feared Appitto was going to murder him, and that his wife was in danger. He said he and Appitto had worked together for a long time and had been good friends, but since the latter had been drinking he had shown signs of an ugly disposition. The police were unable to find any trace of the "steel" which Appitto is alleged to have had.

Giuseppe Benedetto, also an occupant of the C street house, was among the witnesses summoned to the police station to tell of the fatal encounter. While at the station he complained of a slight stab wound in his back, and that Appitto had frequently threatened Ambrosia's life. Ambrosia, they stated, was preparing to retire when he was attacked by Appitto, and Benedetto was stabbed in the back by Appitto when he went to prevent the encounter.

Further Suspension Ordered.—These tariffs were to have become effective September 25. Prior to that date they were suspended by the commission until January 5, 1911. Today they were further suspended until July 5, 1911, in order to afford the commission time in which to inquire into their reasonableness.

During the next few days many other suspension orders, which were made effective January 5, will have to be extended, because of the physical inability of the commission to determine them.

Land, Cleveland's Catcher, and Nine Others Held.—FRANKFORT, Ky., December 27.—Stephen Theophanis, a restaurant keeper, was shot and probably fatally wounded here today.

Grover Land, catcher of the Cleveland American Base Ball League team, and Pat Bohannon, formerly with the Louisville American Association team, are among the ten men being held in connection with the shooting.

A crowd, carrying over their Christmas celebration until 5 o'clock this morning, is alleged to have thrown a lot of fire-crackers into the restaurant. The shooting followed.

ITALY FACING BIG STRIKE.—Railway Employees Will Resort to "Sabotage" for Redress.

ROME, December 27.—More than 90,000 railway employees in Italy have just completed the taking of a referendum to determine what attitude they should assume in order to bring about an amelioration of their condition.

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